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In the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A feeder assembly comprising;
a feed container;
a post having first and second ends, wherein the first end extends upwardly from
the feed container; and
a shade pivotably attached about the second end of the post and movable between
an open position and a closed position; and
wherein the feed container is suspended from the first end of the post.
2. (Original) The feeder assembly of claim 1 further comprising a linkage assembly
attached to the shade and having an actuator slidably connected to the post.
3. (Original) The feeder assembly of claim 2 further comprising a latch extending
from the post and engageable with the actuator and constructed to lock the linkage assembly
when the shade is in the open position.
4. (Original) The feeder assembly of claim 2 wherein the linkage assembly further
comprises a first link connected to the shade and pivotably connected to a second link, the second
link pivotably connected to the first link and the actuator.
5. (Original) The feeder assembly of claim 1 wherein the feed container is a
reservoir constructed to contain a fluid and accommodate feeding of a hummingbird.
6. (Original) The feeder assembly of claim 5 wherein the reservoir is decorated to
attract hummingbirds.
7. (Original) The feeder assembly of claim 1 wherein the post is a center post and
has a length such that the feed container does not interfere with movement of the shade between
the open position and the closed position and the feed container is removably connected the post.
8. (Original) The feeder assembly of claim 1 wherein the post extends from a
center of the feed container and is attached to a center of the shade.

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9. (Currently Amended) The feeder assembly of claim 1 wherein the shade is extends from the post in the open position and collapses about the post in the closed position.
10. (Original) A bird feeding apparatus comprising:
 - a hummingbird feeder having a liquid reservoir, the liquid reservoir having therein a plurality of openings to only accommodate feeding by a hummingbird;
 - a collapsible hood positioned over the liquid reservoir and constructed to shade the liquid reservoir from direct sunlight;
 - a post connecting the liquid reservoir to the collapsible hood; and
 - a slider connected to the collapsible hood and movably connected to the center post and operable to open and close the collapsible hood.
11. (Currently Amended) The bird feeding apparatus of claim 10 wherein the collapsible hood has a profile that is larger than a profile of the liquid reservoir
12. (Original) The bird feeding apparatus of claim 10 further comprising a linkage mechanism connected to the collapsible hood and pivotally connected to the slider.
13. (Original) The bird feeding apparatus of claim 10 wherein the collapsible hood is opaque and has an extended diameter that is at least twice as large as the diameter of the liquid reservoir.
14. (Original) The bird feeding apparatus of claim 10 wherein the collapsible hood moves between an extended position and a retracted position by movement of the slider.
15. (Original) The bird feeding apparatus of claim 10 wherein the center post further comprises a loop constructed to removably support the liquid reservoir.
16. (Original) The bird feeding apparatus of claim 10 wherein the liquid reservoir is colored to attract hummingbirds.

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17. (Original) The bird feeding apparatus of claim 10 wherein the liquid reservoir further comprises a lid attached to a base, the lid having a plurality of openings constructed to accept passage of a hummingbird beak therethrough.
18. (Original) The bird feeding apparatus of claim 10 wherein the collapsible hood further comprises a plurality of radially extendable and retractable ribs.
19. (Original) A bird feeder device comprising:
a feeder having a reservoir constructed to feed hummingbirds; and
an umbrella connected to the feeder and extendable between a closed position and an open position generally above the reservoir.
20. (Original) The bird feeder device of claim 19 wherein the umbrella is opaque.
21. (Original) The bird feeder device of claim 19 wherein the reservoir further comprises a lid and a base, the lid having therein a plurality of openings to only accommodate feeding by a hummingbird.
22. (Original) The bird feeder device of claim 19 further comprising a center post connected to the reservoir and extending therefrom and wherein the umbrella includes a shuttle slidably connected to the center post and pivotably connected to the umbrella.
23. (Original) The bird feeder device of claim 19 wherein the umbrella is decorated to attract hummingbirds.
24. (Original) The bird feeder device of claim 19 wherein the reservoir is decorated to attract hummingbirds.
25. (Original) The bird feeder device of claim 24 wherein the umbrella is red.
26. (Original) The bird feeder device of claim 19 wherein the umbrella further comprises a plurality of pivotably connected links constructed to open and close the umbrella.

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27. (Currently Amended) A bird feeder comprising:
means for retaining a sugar solution, the means having a plurality of holes allowing only feeding of hummingbirds;
means for providing shade to the means for retaining sugar solution; and
means for operatively extending and retracting the shade providing means.
28. (Canceled)
29. (Original) The bird feeder of claim 27 wherein the means for providing shade is opaque.
30. (Currently Amended) The bird feeder of claim 27 wherein at least one of the means for providing shade and the means for retaining sugar solution ~~are~~ is colored to attract hummingbirds.
31. (Original) The bird feeder of claim 27 wherein the means for retaining sugar solution is removeably connected to the means for providing shade.
32. (Currently Amended) The bird feeder of claim 27 wherein the means for operatively extending and retracting the shade providing means further comprises means for locking a position of the shade providing means.
33. (Currently Amended) The bird feeder of claim 27 wherein the means for providing shade is extendable and retractable with the means for ~~providing~~ retaining sugar solution connected thereto.